

Wedding.
David M. Cropp and Goldie F. McIntyre were married at the German M. E. parsonage, Sunday, March 11, at 4 p. m., by Rev. W. L. Meyer. Those present were: Wesley Cole and wife, of Fillmore; Ina McIntyre, John Bahler and wife, and Harry Kee and wife, of Oregon. The groom is the youngest son of Mrs. Cropp, of Richville, a highly respected young man, who has many good qualities to make him successful in life. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. McIntyre, well known and loved by all who know her, and is a good housekeeper, and will do her part to make life happy. The young couple will move onto the Geo. W. Hibbard place, northeast of Oregon.

Getting Stylish.
Ex-Judge Peter Raiser, since retiring from the bench, is putting on some style, riding around in a Dodge touring car. Ed Dunham, circuit clerk, is also in the same class, having had one Dodge car, he was so well pleased that he has bought a new Dodge touring car. Robert Kneale is also another one, and is now riding around in a Mitchell "6" touring car, all of these cars being sold by Cook & Foster.

Attention, Comrades!
Members of Meyer Post, G. A. R., will be the guests of their comrades, G. W. Cummins, at his home, on date of this meeting, March 24, at 2 p. m. All comrades are requested to be present.
G. W. CUMMINS, Commander.
G. S. MORGAN, Adjutant.

—Mrs. John Speer, of Forest City, was a St. Joseph shopper, last Thursday.

—John F. Ide, of Big Lake, is in Southern Missouri, looking after some real estate matters.

—Thomas Hughes, Bruce Bullock and Johnson J. Rayhill were on the St. Joseph market, Tuesday of this week with a load of hogs. They received \$14.65 per hundred.

—Ossner Schulte, wife and little daughter, of St. Joseph, visited here for a few days, this week, the guests of relatives. He is a son of Philip Schulte, formerly of this city.

—That great farce comedy, "Those Awful Twins," at the Royal Theatre, Wednesday night, March 28, by the Craig home talent company, is one of the best plays you have seen here. Don't miss it.

—Mrs. James Kneale, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Isabelle Frieze, of Parsons, Kansas, returned home, Wednesday of this week, to attend the funeral of her brother, Ebenezer Wickham, who was buried here Wednesday afternoon of this week.

—Asa Buckles and Miss Hester Kunkel, two excellent young people of Forest City, were made husband and wife, by Rev. C. F. Hand, at the M. E. parsonage, in this city, on Wednesday of last week, March 7. May you both live long and prosper.

—Albert Cotten has moved into the Sid Russell property. Sid is still in the South, at McArthur, New Mexico, with his brother, Art, and sister, Miss Allie. Many friends here would like to know something about his sister's health—is she living or dead, better or worse?

—S. R. Dick, formerly of near Forbes, this county, but now a resident of East St. Louis, Illinois, writes us that he and family are well, and that they are always anxious to get The Sentinel. He was an old citizen of Holt, having first come here from Kentucky in 1855. Sends regards to all.

—Lieutenant Munn and his dear, good wife spent a few days here, the past week, as guests of Mrs. M's brother, Will Bragg, and family, and sister, Miss Zinna. Mrs. Munn spent the winter on the border with her husband, and it is interesting to hear them tell of life on the Mexican border.

—R. A. Lovelace, assistant emigration agent of the Burlington railroad, who took a party of twenty-five land seekers into Western Nebraska and Eastern Wyoming, telegraphs headquarters at Omaha, Neb., that he has located all of his men upon western homesteads, and that the rush of people to file on land is unprecedented.

—Robert Clay Witnell and Miss Lola Payne were united in marriage, Thursday of last week, March 8, 1917, in the clothing emporium of Dawson-Campbell Clothing Co., Elder B. H. Dawson, pastor of the Christian church, officiating. The bride, we are informed, is a daughter of William Payne, of this county, but both groom and bride came here from California.

—Grover Internell, of Haxtum, Colorado, made a brief business trip to Oregon and vicinity, this week. We are always glad to welcome Grover back to the old home. He reports J. B. Wright and family, Perry Brooks and family, and in fact, all of the former Holt countyites well and prospering. He says prospects were never better for a big wheat crop in that section.

—Oregon Canning Company will pay \$5.00 per ton for sweet corn this season, and furnish all seed free. It seems to us at this price that every farmer in the vicinity of Oregon should put in a few acres of sweet corn for our canning factory. They must have an acreage in order to run, and it is something that the whole community should pull and work for. Farmers help us keep this factory. Bake some sweet corn for it, and see telephone or write L. I. Moore, stating how many acres you will put in.

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Fortescue News.
—T. D. Glaze was in St. Joseph, Saturday, on business.
—Mrs. S. M. Howard was a St. Joseph visitor, last Thursday.
—Mr. Elmer Minshall and family visited Ira Field and family, Sunday.
—Pearl, Bertha and Cora Ramsey spent last Sunday with the Griser girls.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harris, of Blair, visited her mother, Mrs. McDowell, Sunday.

—Misses Tracy Blevins and Helen Thatcher were in St. Joseph, Saturday, shopping.

—Miss Hallie Gelvin went to Kansas City, last Friday. She returned home, Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. John William Gresham visited with Will Twyman and family, Sunday.

—The Ladies' Missionary society will meet with Mrs. Wm. Waggoner, for an all day social, March 15.

—Mr. and Mrs. Will Twyman and daughter, Hazel, visited with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Boyd and family, Sunday.

—George Davis is repairing the residence on his farm, north of town. We understand he will move there soon.

—Mr. Brown, of the Howard and Brown grocery company, was in St. Joseph, on business, one day, last week.

—Mrs. Stoll Craig returned from Oklahoma, last Thursday. She has been visiting relatives there the past month.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Griser and son, Charlie, and Mrs. J. G. Hinkle were shopping in Mound City, last Saturday.

—Mrs. J. E. Henderson and little daughters, Ruth and Lucile, are visiting relatives in Preston, Nebraska, this week.

—The Young Ladies' Missionary society will meet with Miss Hazel Carter, next Saturday afternoon.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Griser and son, Charlie, Denny Connert and Mrs. Byron Hinkle drove to St. Joseph, last Thursday, in Mr. Griser's car.

—Prof. L. P. Grundy, principal of the Rulo, Neb., schools, was in Fortescue, Saturday, tuning pianos. He tuned the school piano and Mr. Glaze's piano.

—Mrs. Byron Hinkle and little son, Fremont, left Wednesday of this week for a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Connert, of Auburn, Nebraska.

—Miss Nora Field shipped a hog last week to St. Joseph. The hog weighed 518 pounds, and brought \$14.70 per hundred, thus netting a little more than \$76.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Taylor and family and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Boyd and family went to Idlewild, Sunday, to hear Rev. Cooley, who conducted services there in the afternoon.

—Thirty-five attended Sunday school, last Sunday, at the Tarkio Chapel. The collection was 74 cents. Preaching services will be held there Sunday, March 18, by the pastor, Rev. Karl T. Davis.

—The Parent-Teachers' Association will meet Saturday night, March 24, in the auditorium of the school building. A very interesting program is being prepared. Every one remember the date and come.

—The school board held a business meeting last Saturday afternoon. Positions were proffered again to all the teachers, who had not already declared their intention of being elsewhere the coming year.

—Forty-five attended Sunday school at Tarkio Chapel, last Sunday. The collection was 71 cents. There will be preaching services there next Sunday, morning and evening, by the pastor, Rev. Karl T. Davis.

—Mr. Mell Newton, of Mound City, is installing new drop curtains and the usual stage scenes (the woodland and parlor) on the stage of the high school auditorium, this week. This additional equipment will add a great deal to the success of future entertainments.

—The Wendle Brothers, of Salem, Nebraska have recently purchased of Mr. J. W. Hill, the elevator coal sheds and ware-house, which is now used by Judge A. W. VanCamp as an implement house. The consideration amounted to \$8000. W. W. Wendle, the younger brother, will operate the coal handling both grain and coal. He will make Fortescue his home.

—The Teachers' Reading Circle held their regular fortnightly meeting, last Wednesday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Glaze. After the work of the evening was concluded, light refreshments, consisting of Welsh rarebits, sandwiches, olives, nickles, pine apple salad, whipped cream, grape juice and wafers, were served. The teachers who were present were: Misses Esther Shiner, Helen Thatcher, Tracy Blevins, Elsie Crow and Messrs. Fred Waggoner and T. D. Glaze.

—The Senior class of the Craig high school presented their play at the Silver Moon theatre, last Friday evening. The play was a comedy-drama in five acts, entitled "The Deacon." The play was an excellent one well handled by the amateur actors and actresses. Perhaps the real stars, however, were the negro comedian, played by John Stokes; the villain, George Darrah, played by Jack Hopkins, and Mrs. Darrah, Geo. Darrah's wife, played by Miss Alma K. Judy. We are sorry that more of our people were not out to see this entertainment.

—Mrs. Alvin Hayes met with quite a painful accident, Friday, March 2, about 10 o'clock. She and Mr. Hayes were enroute to Forest City to attend a sale, when the team which they were driving became frightened and ran away. One of the lines broke and when Mrs. Hayes saw this, she went to the rear of the wagon to jump out, but was thrown out instead. She struck on her head and became unconscious.

—Mrs. Hayes reached her side. She remained in that condition until about 10 that night. Dr. Hogan, of Bigelow, was called to attend her. The last report states that she is getting better.

—Last meeting of the Alliance was held by Mrs. Hanna, and was an interesting one.

—Miss Emma Hoffman is to lead next Sunday's meeting, on the topic "The Curse of Cowardice."

—Business meeting will be held at the parsonage, Monday evening, March 19. Please attend.

Effective Sunday, August 5, 1914.

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Note—A. daily except Sunday.
No. 42 on Sunday at 4:50 p. m., if any passengers to go. Return, leave Forest City at 1:25 p. m.

Notice: All local freight will leave Oregon at the 9:25 a. m. train. L. I. MOORE, General Manager, OREGON, MO.

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along as well as could be expected, though suffering badly with her head and shoulders.

—Maude and Wilma Griser entertained a number of their friends, at their home, Sunday, March 4, in honor of Miss Wilma's sixteenth birthday. After a very pleasant day, all left wishing "Babe" many more happy birthdays. Those present were: Misses Leola Henry, Orice Huston, Jessie Wilson, Edna Wickiser, Pearl Bertha and Cora Ramsey, Lorene Grasty, Iva Blevins, Nora Field and Maude, Wilma and Nellie Griser, and Messrs. Thurlow, Leo and Clifford Henry, Edgar Whipple, Denny Connert, Rex Stuart, Frankie Huston, Willie and Russel Hinkle, Charlie Griser and Mr. and Mrs. Griser.

—Mrs. Robinson, wife of J. I. Robinson, died at her home, north of Fortescue, last Saturday morning, March 10. Mrs. Robinson, who was Miss Myrtle Agnes Hill before her marriage, was born in Buchanan county, 28 years and 6 months ago. She was married to Mr. Robinson in 1906, while still living in Buchanan county. She leaves a husband, three little boys, a mother and grandmother, eight sisters and three brothers, besides a host of friends to mourn her untimely death. Although the Catholic faith was her belief, the funeral services were held in the Tarkio Methodist church, last Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. O. W. Adams, of Bigelow. Interment followed in the Floyd cemetery, near Napier.

—The Ladies' Missionary society met for a business meeting, last Thursday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Will Stuart. Quite a number were out, and an interesting meeting was held. The corresponding secretary's report for the quarter, ending December 31, was as follows: There are 26 members in the society, three new members being added during the quarter. The society has a committee to look after local work and also a mission study class. They support one scholarship. The amount sent to the conference treasury for dues, \$2; pledges, \$5; preacher's salary, \$5; dry goods for Wesley house, \$8.50; amount paid on electric lights at church, \$8.45; potatoes sent to Wesley house, \$9; one bill of canned fruit to Wesley house, \$2; total, \$33.95. Those present at this meeting were: Mrs. E. E. Boyd, Mrs. John Griser, Mrs. Tom Huston, Mrs. Lena Omohundro, Mrs. Will Stuart, Mrs. Henry Stuart, Mrs. Jake Hinkle, Mrs. Mollie Whipple and Mrs. Dan Wilson.

ITEMIZER.

Birthday.
Thursday, March 8, 1917, was Nelle Castle's eleventh birthday, and Saturday she gave a party to celebrate the event. Those present were: Dorothy Bunker, Lavona Evans, Emma Weimeyer, Julia Pullen, Helen and Agnes Meyer, Auvergne Schulte, Miss Adolph, Anna King, Chastine and Cleo Crowell, Ruby Hanna, Lucille Meyer, Galema Riley and the hostess. Games and music were the order of the day, and just before lunch, the wheel of fortune was played, which caused much merriment. After wishing Nelle many happy returns, the guests departed.

Y. P. A. Notes.
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—Charley VanCamp, of the Exodus district, was doing business in St. Joseph, last Thursday.

Hotbed Provides Early Vegetables.
No plot of ground will yield greater returns in health and money than that devoted to the garden. Not only will a good garden return profit of several times its cost, but it will provide at minimum expense many of those things the city families consider luxuries.

The most useful garden should furnish a continuous supply of desirable vegetables throughout the season, according to C. G. Carpenter, of the Missouri College of Agriculture. This will necessitate some way of starting early plants in a protected place such as a hot-bed or cold-frame. There the conditions for growth may be closely controlled and better care may consequently be taken of the young plants.

Essentially, a hot-bed is a box covered with glass and heated by artificial means. Ordinarily fresh horse manure is the most available and best supply of heat for this purpose to be found on the average farm. After a hot-bed is planted, it needs to be carefully ventilated and watered to provide proper conditions for germinating the seed, and it also needs to be carefully watched on account of the danger of damping-off, if it becomes too wet and is not ventilated enough.

Also poor ventilation will cause weak, spindling plants. Before removing plants from the hot-bed, they must become accustomed to the same conditions they will have to meet in the field. This is called "hardening off." It is done by withholding water and increasing the ventilation for about two weeks, until the covers may be left off the bed entirely—all night as well as in the day time. When the plants will stand this treatment without danger, they may be safely put in the field.

In transplanting care must be used not to destroy any more of the small roots than necessary, for the plants take in water through them and are very apt to wilt if broken off. Should the tops of the plants have too much leaf surface and the roots be broken to a considerable extent, it is necessary to remove part of the leaves to reduce the transpiration of water and prevent wilting.

Garden Plan Saves Labor.
A little time spent in planning a garden will save a great deal of subsequent labor. C. G. Carpenter, of the Missouri College of Agriculture, suggests that the rows of vegetables run north and south, so that one side will receive sunlight in the morning and the other in the afternoon. This is the best arrangement wherever it is possible. The slope of the garden, if it is on a hillside may prevent running the rows north and south. It is also advisable to space the rows so that horse-drawn implements can be used. Sometimes it pays to arrange even such small plants as lettuce and radishes so that they may be cultivated with labor saving implements.

In general, planting should be begun on one side of the garden and continued to the other. This will enable the gardener to keep the weeds down on the unplanted area with minimum labor.

Vegetables planted at the same time and requiring similar cultivation should be grouped in adjacent rows. However, the time of planting is more important than the kind of cultivation required.

Rhubarb, horse radish, asparagus, winter onions and other plants which occupy the ground longer than a year should be set apart. Parsnips, salsify and similar crops should be placed near the perennials. Vegetables which require only a short growing season, such as onions, cabbage, lettuce, radishes, peas and beets, and second plantings of these crops may follow in order as planting proceeds across the garden.

Typhoid Fly Facts.
Where do young flies live? In filth and manure.

Where do flies first dirty their mouths and feet? In every kind of filth imaginable.

Is anything too dirty or bad smelling for flies to eat? No.

Where does the fly go when it flies from the vault, the manure pile or the spittoon? It may wipe its feet upon the clean lips of your sleeping baby. It may carry germs into the open wound on your hand. It may track over the butter, the meat, or take a bath in the milk.

Is the fly merely a nuisance? No. It is very dangerous.

Why is the fly considered dangerous? It is man's worst pest. It is more dangerous than rattlesnakes or tarantulas. It carries deadly infectious diseases.

What does the fly carry? It carries typhoid fever, tuberculosis, and various intestinal diseases.

How does the fly carry disease germs? The germs stick to its legs, mouth-parts, hairs, wings and feelers.

What is the correct name of this human pest? The typhoid fever fly. Has it ever caused anyone's death? It killed more American soldiers in the Spanish-American War than all the weapons of the Spaniards. It has killed thousands of soldiers during the present European War.

Why is typhoid fever so prevalent during the summer and fall? Largely because the common house-fly is abundant in one locality and is controlled in the other.

Why are flies most abundant? Where there is most filth.

How shall we kill the fly. Destroy all filth about the house and yard. Put lime into the vault and over the manure. Trap all flies before they enter your home by using wire fly-traps. Kill all flies, large or small, with a "swatter." Use sticky fly paper or fly poisons around the house or store. Pour a borax solution over manure, filth or other places where the fly may rear its young.

Write to the College of Agriculture, Columbia, Mo., for further suggestions on controlling flies.

—Remember that you and your family are in the best farm home in the country, and the Home-Magazine, one year, for the price of the Sentinel alone, \$1.50.

These Suggestions Will Help in the Fly Campaign.

The Missouri College of Agriculture has received many requests for suggestions in conducting fly campaigns. Observation of the following tips will bring effective results:

Kill as many flies as possible when they appear in spring. These first flies are the parents of the millions of germ-laden flies that will make life miserable throughout summer. One fly killed early in the spring is equal to millions killed in August or September.

Endeavor to prevent flies from breeding or feeding on the premises. Some flies will escape because they will breed in decayed vegetable matter or in the droppings of animals in the pastures. However these will be almost negligible.

Fly traps are essential. They catch the flies coming from breeding places and thus prevent their migrating to the house.

Enlist the cooperation of all dealers in food supplies. Show them the danger from flies and what may result from unsanitary surroundings of their premises. If necessary, petroize only those dealers who keep their premises and their products properly screened. They will soon clean their premises and eliminate flies if the campaign is brought to them in this financial light.

Endeavor to obtain community cooperation in the fly campaign. Do not be discouraged if a few people cannot be induced to clean up their premises. As soon as they see that the campaign is effective they will readily cooperate.

Wedded.
At the home of Mr. Verne Solleder, at Bigelow, Mo., at 6 o'clock, Saturday evening, March 3, occurred the marriage of his son, Miss Emma D. Alexander to Mr. Chas. W. Foreman, both of Roy, Montana.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. F. Cooley, pastor of the Forest City Methodist church, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends of the bride and groom.

After congratulations, all were invited to repair to the dining room, where they enjoyed a sumptuous repast, prepared by Mrs. Solleder.

This happy couple will be at home to their many friends at Roy, Montana, in about two weeks.

—Miss Winifred Newman, of Breckenridge, Mo., is visiting here, the guest of Mrs. Will P. Schulte and family.

—Mrs. D. P. Lewis, of Kansas City, is visiting here, the guest of her sister, Mrs. John M. Jones and husband, and other relatives and friends.

—Mrs. J. O. Sellers, of Craig, was in St. Joseph, Wednesday of this week, taking treatment from Dr. W. C. Proud for throat trouble.

—James Riley and family drove up in their car to Maitland, last Sunday, and spent the day with his venerable father, who if spared until April 5, will have reached his 91st milestone.

—J. G. (Jonas) Watson, a former well known and popular merchant of this city, is visiting here, the guest of numerous relatives and friends. He and wife and family are located at University Place, Nebraska, and are at well.

—George H. Allen was over near Effingham, Kansas, last week, looking after his farm. He informs us that what is not near so seriously injured as has been reported. Mr. Allen expects to remove there in the near future.

—The J. E. Hodgins sale, Thursday of last week, March 8, drew a big crowd, and prices soared away yonder. Cows averaged \$125 per head; sows, \$80 per head, and corn sold at \$1.15 per bushel. Col. P. M. Babb, auctioneer, was in his best form.

—O. C. (Clyde) Ruley and wife, of Auburn, N. Y., have removed to Kansas City, where they expect to make their home for the present. Clyde and wife are both native born Holt countyites, and we are all glad to have them back this near to us again.

—Mrs. Henry Frieze, of Parsons, Kansas, was here in attendance at the funeral of her uncle, Ebenezer Wickham, Wednesday of this week, and will remain a few days for a visit with relatives before she returns to her home. Mrs. Ed Kneale, of Maitland, was also here at the funeral.

—Arthur E. Hibbard has purchased a farm, within one and a half miles of Corning, Kansas, and removes there this week, with his wife and family. Well, all we can say is that we hate to see these folks leave us, for there are none better anywhere, and we sincerely wish and predict health, happiness and prosperity in their new home. We know that they will give satisfaction to their neighbors in their new home, because they are made that way.

—The rainfall, commencing Monday and ending Tuesday evening of this week, measured 38-hundredths of an inch, lacking just two hundredths of an inch. It was greatly needed, and will do wonders for many fields of wheat that were thought dead, and also for many cisterns that were dry or nearly so. The blue grass on the lawns is also showing green since the rain, and taking all in all, spring time is nearly on tap. Hurrah now, for the good old summer time that will soon be here.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR MARCH 18

JESUS SAVES FROM SIN.

LESSON TEXT—John 8:12, 31-37, 56-58 (Read entire chapter.)

GOLDEN TEXT—If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.—John 8:36.

Teachers should sketch rapidly in a chronological way the events in the life of our Lord. (See any good harmony) and show that this lesson belongs to the period of the Galilean Ministry of Jesus when he had gone up to Jerusalem to attend the feast of the tabernacle (John 7:1-52). Let us be sure to load our guns with temperance ammunition, be familiar with facts, take careful aim, concentrate all we have to say upon one definite aim and then pull the trigger, e. g. be sure to shoot a temperance cause and make a temperance application.

I. The Slavery to Sin. Jesus' previous references to winter (Chs. 4 and 7) and to bread (ch. 6) were occasioned by outward occurrences; so with this reference to light. In the treasury (v. 20) near to Jesus as he spoke were two colossal, golden lamp stands around which when lighted the people gathered with rejoicing. Amid the blaze of this illumination, Jesus exclaims: "I am the light of the world." What is more beneficent than light as it reveals, cheers and brings life, health and happiness to mankind? Without light there is no vision. Without Jesus there is no spiritual wisdom. Without light we know not whether we are going. Without Jesus we grope in the darkness. Every ray of light, of truth, of holiness and love comes from him, for God is light, and in him is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5). Some think that these words were occasioned by the onlookers, seeing what Jesus had written in the sand (vv. 1-11). The first step in the slavery of sin is blindness; the second is habit; and the third is that of absolute slavery (Prov. 5:22). Jesus was the incarnation of the light of God. We cannot conceive of Jesus making such an assertion as this, and being merely a good man.

II. The Possibility of Freedom (vv. 31-36). These words were spoken to "those which had believed on him," and as the result they were to know the truth, and the truth should make them free. Knowledge and liberty come from a continuance (abiding) in the word of God (John 14:15; 16:12-13). Many men reject Jesus Christ because they claim they wish to have their liberty, and by so doing they lose their liberty. A disciple is a learner; Jesus is the teacher; the entrance examinations to the school of Christ are the simple and necessary condition of believing or accepting him as Lord and teacher. The scholars are all the disciples who continue under his instruction. The object of the schooling is to make perfect men, "unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4:22; Col. 4:12). Christ's school is not only in the church and in the Sunday school and Young People's society, but it is everywhere, in the home, in the office, at work and play; wherever one is trying truly to live according to Christ's will, he is in his school, and that school is open both day and night; there are no vacations and no recesses. The text book is the Book of books. We need not argue as to the necessity of sin, but realize the fact that all are under sin (Rom. 5:12), but being under sin does not necessitate our abiding there, nor is sin necessary to our being. This freedom here is from sin and the love of sin and the curse and the penalty of sin and the bondage and corroding care of sin. It is also mental freedom, freedom for Christian activity. A knowledge of the English Bible is a liberal education, and brings true liberty to those who are thus educated. As contrasted to that we have the slavery of sin (vv. 34, 36). The drunkard is a slave because he is restrained from doing what he knows he ought to do. He cannot even do wrong freely for his conscience constantly upbraids him. He is a slave because he is compelled to bear the consequences of sin against his will. The way of escape (v. 36) is through the son: "If the son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

III. The Authority (vv. 56, 58). The Jews took exception to the words of Jesus (33-55). When did Abraham see Jesus? Read the 18th and 19th chapters of Genesis, and we find that one of the three who visited Abraham was different from the other two, and remained behind while the two went on to Sodoma. The one who remained was the Lord Jesus, Jehovah appearing in human form before his later incarnation as Jesus of Nazareth.

"I Am" is the name of Jehovah. Jesus here takes that name to himself. There was a time when Abraham came to be or was (v. 58), but there was no time when our Lord